

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following heading before paragraph [0001] on page 1, and further replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following redlined paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application is a national stage application of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Application No. PCT/IB2004/052343, filed November 8, 2004, which in turn ~~claims the benefit, pursuant to 35 USC § 119(e), priority to that provisional patent application~~ filed on Nov. 10, 2003 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and assigned Ser. No. 60/518,907 and that provisional patent application filed on May 28, 2004 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and assigned Serial No. 60/575,277, the contents of ~~both~~ which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please insert the following heading on page 1, between paragraphs [0001] and [0002]:

**TECHNICAL FIELD**

Please insert the following heading on page 1, between paragraphs [0002] and [0003]:

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Please insert the following heading on page 2, between paragraphs [0006] and [0007]:

**BRIEF SUMMARY**

Please insert the following heading on page 2, between paragraphs [0007] and [0008]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading on page 2, between paragraphs [0014] and [0015]:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0022] on page 5 with the following redlined paragraph:

[0022] However, if the answer is negative, then a schedule for providing service to the requesting client device is determined at block 440. The ~~provide~~-schedule may be based on current and projected operating demands, loads and processing capability. An indication is then returned to the requesting client device, at block 450, that the service is accommodated with change. In one aspect, the indication may include setting the "schedule bit", shown in FIG. 3b to a second logical value, e.g., a one value. In addition, the determined schedule is also provided to the requesting client device.